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TISDALE PLANS FOR INCREASED PRODUCTION

Securing Prices on Seed Potatoes, Etc. Other Township Council Business

Tisdale Township Council held its regular meeting on Friday last with the Reeve and all the Councillors present. One of the chief matters of general interest considered was the question of increased production. The Clerk was instructed to secure prices on 150 bags of seed potatoes, and to advertise for the use of vacant lots for cultivation.

A double jail cell was ordered from the Canada Wire and Iron Goods Co., of Hamilton, at a price of \$295 delivered at South End.

The Finance Committee reported that the bonds had been sold on behalf of the schools, and Mr. Gauthier gave the particulars of the transaction with the Department of the Treasury.

The Fire and Light Committee reported that the Police Chief's car was in the fire hall at South Porcupine, and the Clerk was instructed to have it removed to other quarters. Fire Chief Bennett, Schumacher, reported that some alterations were necessary on the surface line at Schumacher to ensure efficient service. Councillor Morgan brought up the matter of the South Porcupine fire pump, and the matter was discussed.

The Fire and Light Committee were instructed to prepare plans for a new pump-house, proposed to be erected on lot 73,—bought upon motion of Councillors Mackie and Morgan. The Public Works Committee was asked to go into the matter of a storehouse for hay, oats, etc. The Fire and Light Committee were instructed to attend to the raising of South Porcupine Fire Bell.

The Public Works Committee reported that a new roof was required on the Township Building in South Porcupine, and Foreman Ryan gave some figures on the cost of same. He also stated that sidewalks were being laid in Schumacher; also, that Moneta and Rochester would be the next to receive attention in this regard.

Sanitary Inspector Charette reported that cleaning-up was progressing in South Porcupine in spite of the unfavorable weather. Inspectors Bennett and McInnis reported that sediment milk tests had been made in their respective districts.

Mr. M. Smith, assessor, stated that all townsite properties had been assessed and mining properties would shortly be completed.

Mr. Sylvester Kennedy appeared before the Council, asking the Council to reconsider the recent increases in police salaries, stating that there was considerable objection to such increases.

Following the request of Mr. Philip Cameron that the Council consider a rebate of taxes on the Young properties bought by him and his associates, it was moved by Councillors Hutchison and Walton that the penalty on the taxes be rebated and that accordingly a cheque for the ten per cent. be issued as soon as the taxes are paid.

Mr. Wm. Bostrom, South Porcupine asked the Council to consider the matter of laying down a small portion of sidewalk on Straehan Avenue, stating that the work done formerly was not sufficient. Foreman Ryan was asked to give it his attention.

Tenders for burning and cleaning up the dump at Moneta were read from Chas. Wainwright, Ed. Gauthier, Geo. Cousineau and A. Bodnaruk. The first-named asked \$400 for the work and each of the others \$300. On motion of Councillors Mackie and Walton the work was given to Geo. Cousineau.

Accounts and salary lists were considered and ordered paid. Necessary by-laws were duly passed in regard to the recent sale of school debentures. By-law No. 171, providing for the regulation of horses, cattle, etc., and the establishing of pounds was given its requisite three readings and duly passed.

The Clerk was instructed to write to J. M. Forbes, of Robertson, Que., regarding asbestos production.

Rumors are current to the effect that two men have recently been drowned in the river here, but no particulars are obtainable. The stories seem to be founded on the fact that two overturned canoes were discovered last week drifting on the river and the occupants have not been heard from. The matter has been referred to the Provincial Police, Officer Ackroyd being now on the lookout for information that will show whether anyone has been drowned or not.

WORK COMMENCED ON NEW SEPARATE SCHOOL.

Work has been commenced on the new Separate School to be erected in Timmins. This school will be one of the finest and best equipped buildings of its kind in the North Land as the trustees have spared neither time nor labor in considering plans and viewing other good schools in the district. Still better, the plan of building the school and then looking for the money to pay for it afterwards, will not be followed in the case of the Timmins Separate School, as has been the fact in more than other instances in the North Land in school building. Before any work was started on the Separate School there were ample funds to meet all expenditures and the work will consequently go along economically and satisfactorily. The new Separate School is being erected on the fine lot at the corner of Spruce street and Sixth Avenue.

HON. HOWARD FERGUSON INSPECTS WORK HERE

Shows Sincere Interest in Progress of Fire Protection Plans.

Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines, visited the Camp on Monday and showed the special interest he has in the work of protecting the communities of the North Land from the menace of bush fires. After the last Porcupine fire, Hon. Mr. Ferguson promised that measures would be taken to ensure safety to the North Land towns and his present tour indicates that he is doing all possible to fulfill this promise and to see that the work is well done. In company with Mayor McLaughlin, Road Superintendent Alex. Stirling and Mr. C. M. Auer, Hon. Mr. Ferguson made a tour of inspection in the Mayor's new Studebaker. The various sections where fire protection work is now being done were visited and the Minister showed a lively interest. Not only was the progress of the work viewed, but further plans were formed to make safe the communities in the North Land from the bush fire hazard.

NEW TRICK TO EVADE AUTOMOBILE LAW.

Using one set of automobile license numbers for two different cars is the trick that cost John Ruastalja, of Timmins, \$20, and his brother at Schumacher, \$50 last Thursday. And at that the numbers were 1917 license, instead of 1918. Chief Roy arrested the Timmins brother for damage done to a buggy in a road collision. After this arrest the Schumacher brother came forward and admitted it was his car that did the damage and that his brother's car was not near. "But I got the right number," said Chief Roy, and then the whole story came out. The two cars were being run on the one set of 1917 numbers. After Magistrate Atkinson had fined the men he ordered them to keep their cars off the road until they secured the necessary licenses. John, however, was running around town on Thursday after court when Constable Greer noticed him and promptly placed him under arrest for disregard of court's order. He will come before Magistrate Atkinson on Thursday of this week.

CHINAMAN IS THE BIG FARMER OF THE DISTRICT.

Last week John Chow, the Chinese farmer at the River, brought in 75 young pigs from Ville Marie to his Mattagami Farm. He has 130 pigs now on the farm, as well as poultry and other stock. In the line of stock, he is one of the biggest farmers in this district, and of course can be trusted to make a success of the business. He says that it only costs him \$2.00 a day to feed his pigs and poultry. This amount, of course, does not include the feed he gathers around town from the restaurants and hotels, and which costs him only the time and labor of gathering.

The farewell party given in the Odd fellows' Hall to Mr. Jerry Gallagher, who has enlisted for overseas service, proved a most enjoyable event, the only regret of any present being the departure of the guest of the evening. Dancing, music, cards and other social enjoyments, made the evening pass quickly and all present found the time all too short. Mr. Gallagher was presented with a military wrist watch as a mark of the esteem in which he is held by the wide circle of his friends in Timmins.

REGISTRATION DAY LIKELY JUNE 22nd.

Dr. C. W. Haentschel, Registrar for District, Here This Week Organizing.

Dr. C. W. Haentschel, Registrar for Temiskaming for the census to be taken next month of the man and woman power of the Dominion, was in Timmins this week in connection with the work. Mr. H. E. Montgomery has been placed in charge of the organization here. Official announcement has not yet been made of the date but it will probably be Saturday, June 22nd. The schools will be used wherever possible as registration booths, and every man and woman over 16 years of age must register. Severe penalties are provided for failure to register. These penalties include not only heavy fines, but persons not registering can not buy foodstuffs, purchase railway tickets, etc., and anyone employing them in any capacity will also be liable to heavy fines or imprisonment.

STEAMER AGNES STARTS EXCURSION TRIPS.

The Steamer Agnes will start the first of the season's excursion trips on the Mattagami River on Friday, May 24th, and Sunday, May 26th, for Sandy Falls, at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. The last boat returning at 6 o'clock. There will also be a two-hour sail at 8 p.m., and special early morning trips on both dates may be arranged by phone. Further announcement is made elsewhere in this issue.

BASEBALL MATCH ON FRIDAY MAY 24th.

A baseball match between the Mine Managers and the Business Men of Timmins will be played on Friday afternoon, May 24th, at 3 p.m. Collection taken for the Red Cross. The business men will include:—John Fogg, A. S. Fuller, H. J. Marshall, J. P. McLaughlin, Dr. Moore, J. P. Taillon and C. M. Auer. It will be a game to be remembered.

Notes, Comments and Opinions Of Interest To Mining World

Report has it that the Three Nations Mine in Whitney Township is to be reopened at an early date.

A spectacular find of gold ore is reported at the 125-foot level of the Burnside, Kirkland Lake.

Mr. Chas. Randall, formerly mill manager at the Tough Oakes, is now assistant manager at the Dome Lake. Mr. Douglas Mutch being manager of the property. Mr. R. T. Regnell, recently manager of the Dome Lake, has returned to the Hollinger.

At a meeting of the Krist-Thompson Company shareholders last week it was decided to surrender their charter to the Thompson-Krist Company in pursuance of the agreement made over a year ago. The Thompson-Krist is now working on drifting from the Vipond side with satisfactory promise.

The famous Croesus Mine, according to rumor, is to be put on the market for public subscription. The riches of the Croesus has made it noted. Over \$100,000 was taken from the shaft before it reached the 100-foot. Until a few months ago, the property had no mill, the high-grade being so rich that it paid to ship it out for milling. Since the mill was installed the average grade of ore run over \$20 to the ton, and the number of pockets of gold ore was one of the spectacular features of the mine. "The gold is stuck in the Croesus, like the plums in a rich plum pudding," was the way one miner described it. During all this stage the public had no opportunity to invest in the Croesus, the control being kept by a small company of friends and no stock being offered to the public. Some months ago the Croesus closed down, reasons given being the labor and materials market and the difficulty through water in the mine. At the time of closing it was expected that the stoppage of work would be only temporary. As the mine has been kept as a close corporation, there is no actual knowledge by the public as to ore reserves or present prospects of this wonderful Croesus property.

NEW PASTOR COMING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Mr. Irwin, Now in New York, to be Ordained Here May 30th.

Rev. D. L. Gordon, of Cobalt, occupied the pulpit of the Byrnes Presbyterian church here on Sunday and delivered two excellent sermons to good congregations. Announcement was made that Rev. Mr. Irwin, now at the Theological Seminary, New York, had been secured as pastor for the present for the church here. Rev. Mr. Irwin will arrive here next week and on Friday, May 31st., he will be ordained at Byrnes church. He will then have charge of the church here during the summer months and if satisfactory to him and to the congregation he may be given a formal call to the church here as pastor.

THOUSANDS OF ROSES FREE ON SATURDAY

New Drug Store Marking Opening Day in Pleasing Way.

The Curtis Drug Company's new store on Third Avenue, next to the New Empire Theatre, will open on Saturday of this week with a new, complete and up-to-date stock. To mark the occasion, thousands of roses have been secured by the Curtis Company and the flowers will be given away to customers on Opening Day. As will be noted by the announcement on the back page of this issue the flowers will be given free to all customers, three to those purchasing goods to the amount of 25c, and larger purchases in proportion. This pleasing method of "getting acquainted" with customers is a novel plan that will undoubtedly prove popular.

Mrs. Gertrude Blake received a telegram last week announcing the death of her mother, Mrs. P. H. McFadden, of Victoria Road, near Lindsay. Mrs. Blake left on Wednesday morning for Victoria Road to attend the funeral.

WELL PLEASSED WITH TIMMINS FIRE FIGHTERS.

Mr. Alfred Wright, of the London & Lancashire Fire Insurance Company who is making a tour of the North Land in the interests of his company, visited Timmins last week and made a careful inspection of the town in general. He expressed himself as well pleased with the evident improvement in general conditions touching on fire protection, while the tendency this year to make a better job than usual of cleaning up yards and premises was also pleasing. He thought the town has made decided progress from the fire protection and fire prevention viewpoints, and he hoped this spirit would continue and increase. On Tuesday at noon he sent in an alarm from McLaughlin's corner and the fire brigade made a prompt response. Mr. Wright showed his appreciation of the good work of the firemen by handing out a number of bouquets to Chief Borland, accompanied by an elegant box of the best in cigars.

LAND TO BE PREPARED FOR PRODUCTION

Applications for Ploughed and Protected Lots Should be Made at Once.

The special Production Committee of the Board of Trade met last night and completed plans for increasing production. First a five-acre section of the best garden land on the west side of the Government Road, west of Timmins, will be completely cleared, fenced, ploughed and made all ready for seeding. This land will be divided into plots of approximately 50 by 100 feet, and anyone leaving name and necessary fee with W. S. Macpherson at the Town Hall, may have one or more of these plots reserved for this year. All the Board of Trade is waiting for now is assurance that there will be enough people interested to warrant the work. For the five-acre section, the Board wants applications for 40 plots. So that they may know just the extent of public interest they are asking that all applications be put in by May 29th. Each application for a lot must be accompanied by a fee of \$10. This \$10 is to go towards the cost of fencing, ploughing, etc., but each applicant will get much more than his \$10 worth. If each plot were to be individually prepared as the Board of Trade will prepare and protect the land the cost would be several times ten dollars. If more than 40 applications are received the cost will be less, and the difference will be refunded to the applicants. The Board of Trade Committee is prepared to fence and prepare all the land that may be required so there can not be too many applicants. The urgent need for greater production should move all to put in their applications at once. The land to be used is of the best quality and it will be fully prepared and protected. The Committee is also arranging for suitable seed potatoes to be available at moderate price.

BULGARIAN CHARGED WITH SERIOUS OFFENCE.

Chief Clerk and Officer Sally placed Aleck Isanoff, a Bulgarian, under arrest last week and a serious charge will be preferred against him under the law against the white slave traffic. According to the information of the police Isanoff induced two young ladies to come from Montreal on the supposition that they were to be employed at high wages in a restaurant here. The statement of the young ladies is to the effect that after they arrived here there were no such positions for them but attempt was made to use them for immoral purposes. Isanoff will come before Magistrate Atkinson on Thursday to answer to the charge.

KEEP YOUR SUBSCRIPTION IN GOOD STANDING.

This week a number of subscriptions expire and following the rule of this paper since its commencement all who fail to renew will be dropped off the subscription list. All subscriptions are payable strictly in advance, and unless this payment is promptly made The Advance has no means of knowing that you want the paper continued. Undoubtedly you wish to continue the weekly visits of your own local paper, so make a point of seeing that your subscription to The Advance is kept in advance. And do it now.

EARLY CLOSING EACH WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Town Council Passes New By-Law. Sidewalk on Third Avenue, and Other New Public Works.

At the regular meeting of the Town Council on Monday afternoon, Mayor McLaughlin occupied the chair and Councillors McInnis, Pierce and Brazeau were present.

A new early closing by-law was given its requisite readings and duly passed. This by-law provides that commencing June 1st., the stores in town shall all close each Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock during the months of June, July and August.

A by-law to appoint D. W. O'Sullivan as town solicitor was also given the required readings and duly passed.

On motion of Councillors Brazeau and McInnis it was decided to lift and make serviceable the walk on Spruce street, near the Hospital. This strip of sidewalk is so low as to be submerged part of the year and practically useless in the other two months. The first idea was to grade the road according to the engineer's plans and levels and this would leave the sidewalk about as it should be then. This would be a very expensive method, however, as it would mean the lowering of street and water mains. For the present at least the raising of the sidewalk is the more practical remedy. It is thought this can be done for \$125.

Authority was given the Public Works Committee to spend up to \$200 stumping and lifting stones on the streets. Chairman Brazeau believed that all the necessary stumping and removal of stones could be done for the amount named and Council agreed that the work was very necessary and well worth that amount of money.

Councillor Pierce brought up the matter of jitneys being permitted to stand on the streets. He instanced one case where the jitney driver was a good citizen with five children, and the Councillor thought that he should not be handicapped in trying to make a living. The Mayor pointed out that the Town by-law provided that automobiles for hire should only stand at a place designated by the Chief of Police. Reference was also made to the fact that at present one of the best street corners in town was being made a jitney stand by a driver who had no other regular business place. This was objected to by the owners of jitneys who had business places and who thought they paid taxes enough not to be discriminated against. Some of them said they would not pay their town auto licenses so long as this privilege was permitted contrary to the by-law. Councillor Brazeau said he thought it an unfair discrimination. The Mayor said that while this might be so, he did not like the suggestion that one man would not pay his license because he thought some other man was securing preference. All must pay their licenses and all must observe the by-law. It was a question for the Chief of Police to deal with at once.

Mr. J. Dalton said he had been paying for a street light (the only one on his block) for five or six years and he thought the town should now take it over. The Mayor pointed out that it was chiefly for the use of the business and had not been ordered in by the Town. "Never weary of well-doing," says the Mayor, "but keep right on paying like a good fellow." "Oh, well, all right then," says Jack.

Councillor Brazeau, for the Public Works Committee, reported that a crossing at the Giffields and at Dr. Moore's office and one at Dalton's corner would cost \$100 each. It was decided to put them in. A plank sidewalk on Third Avenue from Balsam street to the town limits, the Public Works Chairman also reported, would cost about \$600 for a six-foot walk. The ratepayers served did not seem anxious for a cement walk and the board sidewalk would answer better for the present. Council gave authority for this work to be done, the Board of Works to call for tenders for the several works proposed.

A number of accounts were considered and passed and the Council adjourned about five o'clock.

Mr. L. Halperin's jewelry store next to the post office has been enlarged to almost double its former size, and is being fitted and equipped to handle the growing business of this store. In addition to carrying bigger stocks in several lines, it is likely that Mr. Halperin will also install an optical parlor for the convenience of his customers.